



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AS  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

Applicants: Biftu, et al.

US Appln. No.: 10/556,805 Case No.: 21404P

Filed: November 14, 2005

For: 3-AMINO-4-PHENYLBUTANOIC ACID  
DERIVATIVES AS DIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE  
INHIBITORS FOR THE TREATMENT OR  
PREVENTION OF DIABETES

Art Unit: 1624

Examiner:  
Brenda L. Coleman

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 17, 2008, for which a response is due by December 17, 2008, please amend this application as follows and consider the accompanying remarks which are deemed to place it in condition for allowance.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this response.